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REMARKS -- General**A. Amendments**

The specification has been rewritten in light of the Examiner's rejection of certain claims as being indefinite and the observation that claims 76-78 had been inadvertently cancelled by Applicant and cannot simply be reinstated.. The Applicant has decided not to contest the Examiner's determinations as to the definiteness or indefiniteness of the rewritten claims, or the events requiring resubmission, without admission. The Applicant respectfully restates all other prior conclusions, remarks and submissions, without admission as to the correctness of other rejections and determinations of the Examiner.

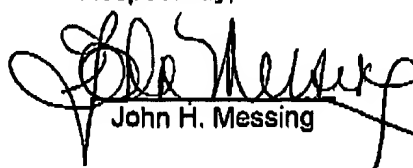
D. Conclusion

For all of the above reasons, applicant submits that the specification and claims are now in proper form, and that the claims all define patentability over the prior art. Therefore, applicant submits that this application is now in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully solicited.

Conditional Request for Constructive Assistance

If, for any reason this application is not believed to be in full condition for allowance, applicant respectfully requests the constructive assistance and suggestions of the Examiner pursuant to M.P.E.P. Sections 706.03(d) and 707.07(j). Alternatively, if the examiner agrees that patentable subject matter is presented but does not feel that the present claims are technically adequate, applicant respectfully requests the examiner to write acceptable claims pursuant to MPEP 707.07(j).

Respectfully,


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